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CUSTOMS FOR INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS/POTTER
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FROM RAIC DINIUS

EO 11652 GDS
TAGS: SNAR PK
SUBJ: GFXA-78-8024 OPERATION POKER

REF: ARD MARIA MEMO DATED 3/14/78 SUBJECT DRUG DETECTOR DOGS

1. AN EFFECTIVE DRUG ENFORCEMENT EFFORT
BY PAKISTAN CUSTOMS MUST COVER ALL AVENUES OF EXPORT.
OPERATION POKER IS, AT PRESENT, CONCENTRATING MOST OF
IT'S RESOURCES ON THE INTERDICTION OF CONTRABAND
THAT IS CIRCUMVENTING NORMAL CUSTOMS CONTROLLED
CHANNELS.

2. EXPORT CARGO THROUGH NORMAL SHIPPING CHANNELS,
BOTH AIR AND WATER, IS A WEAK LINK IN THE ENFORCEMENT
CHAIN. VOLUME IS HIGH, AND, DUE TO THE LACK OF
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MECHANIZED AND SYSTEMATIC CARGO HANDLING, CONTROL
IS VIRTUALLY NONEXISTENT. MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS
FOR A LOW PERCENTAGE PHYSICAL CHECK ON A SAMPLING
BASIS WOULD BE PROHITIVE.

3. AT THE SEAPORT MUCH OF THE CARGO IS BULK PACKAGED
IN BALES. CONSIDERING PAST HISTORY AND PRESENT CONDITIONS

THE FREQUENT EXPORT OF NARCOTICS IN 500 KG OR EXCESS
LOTS IS PROBABLE.

4. CONTROL CONDITIONS AT KARACHI AIRPORT ARE SIMILAR
WHILE OFFERING TO THE SMUGGLER THE ADDED ADVANTAGE
OF RAPID DELIVERY. CARGO VOLUME IS FAR IN EXCESS
OF WAREHOUSING CAPACITIES. MERCHANDISE IS STORED ON
THE RAMP THEREBY CREATING EASY ACCESS AND SUBSTITUTION
PROBLEMS. AN OUTBOUND PASSENGER BAGGAGE
CHECK HAS BEEN INITIATED UNDER "OPERATION POKER".
THOUGH QUITE LIMITED BY MANPOWER AND VOLUME DRUG
SEIZURES HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE BY THE PAKISTAN
CUSTOMS DRUG ENFORCEMENT CELL.

5. IT IS THE COMBINED OPINION OF DEA AND USC IN
KARACHI THAT THE QUICKEST AND MOST COST-EFFECTIVE
METHOD OF DEVELOPING SOME MEASURE OF CONTROL IN THE
EXPORT CARGO AREA MAY BE TO INCORPORATE DRUG DETECTOR
DOG CAPABILITIES WITHIN THE PAKISTAN CUSTOMS
SPECIAL DRUG ENFORCEMENT CELL. THIS IS CONSISTENT

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WITH A REQUEST MADE BY THE COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS
ON 2/28/78 THAT WE QUERY WASH., D.C. ON THE POSSIBILITY
OF A USC DOG TEAM TDY FOR A PORTION OF OPERATION
POKER AS A FEASIBILITY STUDY OF INTRODUCING DETECTOR
DOGS INTO THE PAKISTAN CUSTOMS ANTI-NARCOTIC PROGRAM
(REPORTED TO ISLAMABAD IN KARACHI 0996 DATED 280624Z
FEB 78). ADDITIONALLY, THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION
FOR PIA, A.J.SHAH, HAS MADE A VERBAL COMMITMENT TO

DEA TO PROVIDE PERMANENT SUITABLE ACCOMMODATIONS AND FOOD FOR DRUG DETECTOR DOGS TO BE UTILIZED AT KARACHI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. PIA WILL PROVIDE THIS SUPPORT IRRESPECTIVE OF WHICH ENFORCEMENT AGENCY ACTUALLY CONTROLS THE DOGS.

6. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP IF USC WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO THE DETAIL OF A DOG TEAM TO "OPERATION POKER" FOR A ONE MONTH PERIOD TO TEST THE FEASIBILITY OF THE CONCEPT. IF VIABLE, THE ULTIMATE GOAL WOULD BE THE INCLUSION OF TWO GOP CUSTOMS OFFICERS IN USC DETECTOR DOG HANDLING SCHOOL.

7. IF APPROVED, THE TEAM SHOULD BE OPERATIONAL BY MAY 1ST AT THE LATEST. INFORMATION SUCH AS
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OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS, HOUSING, FOOD, AMOUNT OF CONTINUOUS WORK THAT MAY BE EXPECTED IN 100 DEGREE PLUS WEATHER WITH HIGH HUMIDITY, OR OTHER INFORMATION THAT BEARS ON THE SUCCESSFUL UTILIZATION OF A USC DETECTOR DOG TEAM WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL. NARCOTICS FOR TRAINING PURPOSES CAN BE FURNISHED BY COUNTERPARTS LOCALLY.

8. DPD HISCOCK REQUESTS A NVD, WITH SUFFICIENT BATTERIES FOR 2 MONTHS USAGE, FOR MARINE PATROL. AS THIS IS ONE OF THE ITEMS THAT WOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR DONATION TO GOP CUSTOMS UNDER A LONG RANGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO TEST IT'S OPERATIONAL VALUE UNDER LOCAL CONDITIONS AT THIS TIME. THE NVD WOULD BE RETURNED WITH DPD HISCOCK UPON TERMINATION OF THE DETAIL.
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